THE MINISTER OF STATE IN [illegible] RY OF CHEMICALS AND [illegible]ZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) :(a) to (f) Information would collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**DPEA Provisions in the drug policy**

275. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD:

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 317 given in the Rajya Sabha on 28th July, 1994 and state;

(a) whether the review of the 1986 drug policy has been finalised and if so, what are the salient features of such a review;

(b) what are the main changes which have been made in the 1986 policy particularly with regard to DPEA in respect of recovery and utilization of amounts;

(c) whether less is also proposed to be levied and if so; on what basis;

(d) whether provisions relating to exemption from price control on the basis of R&D have also been altered and strengthened and if so; what are the full details; and

(e) what is the rationale of controlling prices of old drugs already produced in the country when the new drugs patented after April; 1995 would be outside price control?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (e) The deails including the salient features of the review of Drug Policy; 1986 are contained in the booklet 'Modifications in Drug Policy, 1986' copies of which have been placed in the Parliament Library.

**Price of formulations based on Verapamil Hcl**

276. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 342 given in Rajya Sabha on 28th July, 1994 and state:

(a) when was the leader price of formulations based on Verapamil Hcl price of Rs. 8950.40 per Kg. announced and what were the details of the ceiling prices pack-wise;

(b) when were these prices revised, what was the price of bulk drug adopted and what are the pack-wise ceiling prices of formulations at present;

(c) whether it is a fact that custom duty on the bulk drug was reduced in March, 1994 and if so, what steps have been taken to reduce the formulation price accordingly; and

(d) what steps are being contemplated by Government to bring the formulation prices in tune with the current bulk drug price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) In accordance with the provisions of DPCO 1987 the ceiling price of formulations based on Verapamil Hcl have been revised in December; 1993 and November; 1994 adopting the DGHS weighted average import price of the bulk drug as Rs. 8950.40 per kg. and Rs. 6354.24 kgs. respectively.

Details of packs and their prices are given below :

| Name of formulation/Strength | | Pack Size | Ceiling price (Rs.) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | 24.12.1993 | 29.11.1994 |
| Verapamil Hcl. tabs./DRAGEES. | : | | | |
| | 400 mg. | 10's Strip | 8.26 | 6.20 |
| | 80 mg. | 10's Strip | 16.24 | 11.86 |
| | 240 mg. | 10's Strip | 50.40 | 36.40 |